[Mr. C. P. Gopalapanicker.]

The first item of the allotment, viz., for Rs. 56,000 is for the payment of arrears of pay, allowance etc., to the menials of the department. Their pay and allowances were recently revised in accordance with the general revision of salaries. The provision in the budget is not sufficient to meet the expenditure.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Why is it not sufficient?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: At the time of the framing of the budget, orders in regard to the revision of salaries had not been passed. It was only after the budget was framed, that orders in regard to the Medical Department subordinates were passed. So it was not possible to include this item in the budget. So I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the amount. In regard to the other item of Rs. 6,015, as the honourable members of the House know that Mr. P. T. Thomas of Palampadom voluntarily constructed a pay ward in the District Hospital, Kottayam, at an expense of over Rs. 25,000 wherein the Government had promised to give a free supply of timber. The Conservator of Forests supplied the necessary timber to the value of Rs. 6,015 and requested the Medical Department to make the payment. There is no provision in the Budget of the Medical Department to make that payment to the Forest Department. This amount is asked for the purpose of making a book adjustment. So I request the House to sanction the Demand.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 62,015 under Demand XXIV—Medical was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVI—Public Health and Sanitation.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I rise to move for supplementary grant of Rs. 5,500 under Demand XXVI—Public Health and Sanitation. This amount is for the continuance of the Milk Canteen Scheme till the end of 1121. The House knows that the American Government and the Indian Red Cross organisation gave us some milk for free distribution in the State. This Government have to meet the cost of transport and also the cost of the staff engaged for distributing the quantity of milk in the State. In the budget there is provision only for staff till the end of September 1945. Believing that there would not be any more quantity left for distribution, no additional provision was made. But later on the Red Cross Society gave us some more milk. Such being the case, the distribution had to be continued. It is therefore proposed to continue the distribution of the milk till the end of the current year.

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I hope the House will be pleased to sanction this grant.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs 5,500 under demand XXVI—Public Health and Sanitation was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments.

Mr. B. Paramu: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments.

A sum of Rs. 3,000 is required to meet the additional expenditure caused by the revision of the pay of menials of the Museum. This was not anticipated when the budget estimate for the current year was framed.

A sum of Rs. 20,000 is needed to meet the expenditure for the maintenance of the zoo animals. The provision made for the purpose in the current year's budget is now found to be inadequate as payment of the last year's bill due to the supply contractors was made from this year's allotment.

Another sum of Rs. 1750 is required to meet the expenditure on account of the formation of an Agri—Horticultural Society at Trivandrum. This expenditure was not anticipated when the current year's budget estimate was framed as the formation of the society was sanctioned subsequently.

A sum of Rs. 3,000 is required to meet the expenditure on account of animals which are proposed to be purchased this year. Out of Rs. 7,500 provided for the purpose in the current year's budget Rs. 3,880 was spent for the animals already purchased this year and Rs. 2,807 had to be paid to the Transport department as hire charges for lorries, and an amount of Rs. 1,135 has still to be paid on account of transporting charges for the year 1121. For the purpose of meeting the expenditure under all the above items a sum of Rs. 27,750 is required. I request the House to sanction this Demand.

President: On account of the tremendous rise in prices of wheat and mutton, it was found that the animals were really half starved. As it was found essential to purchase the necessary quantity of feeding material, additional cost had to be incurred. Hence the increase in the amount.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

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